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Reference: 100-1116, 100-1116 (not sent London)

1. This is to request that [] up with [] the matter of []'s Albanian broadcast of 21 April 1953. An English text of this broadcast was forwarded to Headquarters from Athens but not sent London. The broadcast attacks [] in rather outspoken language, making the point that for Albania there is little to choose between Russian and Yugoslav domination. The same broadcast attacks in extremely bitter language the leaders of [], with a special attention to Berlingieri, Koliqi, Kol Mib Maraka and Kishafer Bern.
2. Since all of []'s propaganda organs are under a strict injunction not to attack [] or Yugoslavia, and since in the past Javalia has indicated strong support for this policy, we are somewhat at a loss to understand the freedom with which [] is allowed to attack both Yugoslavia and []. We desire also to point out to [] that []'s free-ranging attacks on [] here, in fact, transformed an organ of the British government into a mouthpiece for [], which hardly serves what should be the common purpose of reducing the bitterness between various Albanian exile groups. We will be very interested to learn []'s replies to these points.
3. [] the first reference touches on "efforts to guide [] broadcasts in the right direction." Such efforts are being made on a continuing basis here in Headquarters and recent conversations with [] officials have led us to hope that we have finally established a means by which persons unsympathetic to [] for political reasons will not be used either as staff members or contributors to []. Similar agreements have been made in the past, of course, without much result. So now, therefore, keeping our fingers crossed until sufficient time has elapsed to show whether our latest agreement will have any effect. With regard to the question of improving the content of [] broadcasts, Headquarters must continue that there is a total lack of attention for this purpose in Washington.

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We have no record of specific violations and errors made by the RFE staff in actual broadcasts and a search of back script-files has uncovered no such material. Philip E. Kadner recalls that staff members of WDCB/BAI frequently complained about such violations and errors; but some written evidence is required if our complaints to RFE are to have any effect. We, therefore, request that the staff members of WDCB/BAI keep a record of the exact wording in any broadcast which is felt to be offensive and that such records be forwarded periodically to Headquarters.

4. In the course of our meeting with RFE, the question was raised whether it is worthwhile to continue RFE broadcasts in Albanian or whether the program should be discontinued. We would be interested^{to} learn the field's opinion on this matter.

[Acting Chief, SE]

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